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SUBJ: STATEMENT IN JORDAN

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. YOU SHOULD EXPLORE WITH JORDANIANS WHAT KIND OF STATEMENT, IF ANY, THEY HAVE IN MIND ISSUING AT END OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT. WE DO NOT WANT TO PRESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR APPROACH AND WILL BE GUIDED BY KING HUSSEIN'S PREFERENCES. YOU MAY EXPLAIN THAT PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THIS TRIP WILL BE DIFFERENT AT EACH STOP, GROWING OUT OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH RELATIONSHIP.

2. AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, WE HAVE DEVELOPED TEXT BELOW OF A POSSIBLE JOINT STATEMENT. PLEASE RAISE QUESTION WITH JORDANIANS AND ASK THEIR VIEWS. IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN A JOINT STATEMENT, YOU MAY DISCUSS FOLLOWING TEXT WITH THEM AND REPORT THEIR REACTIONS. BEGIN TEXT.

A) PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON PAID THE FIRST VISIT OF A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN ON JUNE 18 AND 19, 1974.

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B) DURING THIS VISIT, PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS MAJESTY

KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN DISCUSSED THE FULL RANGE OF COMMON INTERESTS WHICH HAVE LONG BOUND JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN CONTINUED CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. THEY WERE JOINED IN THESE TALKS BY _____ OF JORDAN AND BY _____ OF THE UNITED STATES.

C) THE UNITED STATES REAFFIRMED ITS CONTINUED ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE STRENGTH AND PROGRESS OF JORDAN. THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED TO HIS MAJESTY IN DETAIL THE PROPOSAL HE HAS SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN AMERICAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR JORDAN IN THE COMING TWELVE MONTHS. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS GRATIFICATION OVER THE EFFORTS WHICH JORDAN IS MAKING UNDER ITS DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO RALLY THE JORDANIAN ECONOMY, TO GIVE SIGNIFICANT NEW IMPETUS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF JORDAN'S RESOURCES AND PRODUCTION, AND TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR EACH PERSON IN JORDAN.

D) THE PRESIDENT COMMENDED HIS MAJESTY'S WISE LEADERSHIP IN THIS FIELD AND STATED HIS VIEW THAT EFFECTIVE AND STEADY DEVELOPMENT WOULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE PRESIDENT PROMISED A SPECIAL EFFORT BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IN A VARIETY OF WAYS FOR JORDAN'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND IN THIS REGARD WELCOMED THE RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN.

E) HIS MAJESTY EXPLAINED, AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING JORDAN'S MILITARY STRENGTH IF ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT ARE TO BE ASSURED. HIS MAJESTY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT RESOURCES INVESTED IN MAINTAINING THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE KINGDOM ARE RELATED TO ITS ECONOMIC GROWTH, FOR WITHOUT ORDER AND PEACE IT IS UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT TO MARSHAL THE ENERGIES AND
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INVESTMENT NEEDED FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS. THE PRESIDENT AGREED WITH HIS MAJESTY AND PROMISED, IN COOPERATION WITH THE CONGRESS, TO PLAY A STRONG ROLE IN MAINTAINING JORDAN'S MILITARY STRENGTH.

F) HIS MAJESTY AND THE PRESIDENT HAVE LONG AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED THE STEPS

WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THIS REGARD SINCE HIS MAJESTY'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR. HIS MAJESTY EXPRESSED JORDAN'S SUPPORT FOR THE VERY SIGNIFICANT DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE TO HELP BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST. HIS MAJESTY AND THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED THE STRATEGY OF FUTURE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE, AND THE PRESIDENT PROMISED THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN ON CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD THE JUST AND DURABLE PEACE CALLED FOR IN UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 OF NOVEMBER 22, 1967, AND 338 OF OCTOBER 22, 1973.

G) THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE AND THAT OF MRS. NIXON FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY EXTENDED BY HIS MAJESTY, BY HER MAJESTY QUEEN ALIA AND BY THE JORDANIAN PEOPLE. END TEST.

3. THIS IS THE TIME TO RAISE ALSO QUESTION OF JOINT COMMISSION. WE ARE NOT PRESSING THIS, AND THERE MAY WELL BE BETTER WAY TO BACKSTOP JORDANIAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS WHICH WOULD BE UNIQUE TO US-JORDANIAN RELATIONSHIP. WE HAVE IN MIND PARTICULARLY US EFFORT TO SUPPORT JORDAN'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN. PERHAPS YOU CAN SUGGEST WAY OF DEVELOPING STATEMENT IN THAT DIRECTION IF JORDANIANS UNCERTAIN ABOUT JOINT COMMISSION.

4. IF JORDANIANS LIKE IDEA OF COMMISSION, WE SUGGEST INSERTING FOLLOWING AS NEW FOURTH PARAGRAPH OF ABOVE TEXT: QUOTE IT WAS AGREED THAT A JOINT JORDANIAN-U.S. ECONOMIC COMMISSION WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT A HIGH LEVEL TO OVERSEE THE VARIOUS AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND INVESTMENT. TO THIS END, HIS MAJESTY AGREED TO SEND A SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TO WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT COMMISSION. END QUOTE.

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